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Docket No. MPG-1 DIV 1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael Wassenegger et al.  
Application No.: 09/782,874 Confirmation No.: 6565  
Filed : February 8, 2001  
For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING  
POLYPEPTIDES HAVING THE ENZYMATIC  
ACTIVITY OF AN RNA-DIRECTED RNA  
POLYMERASE (RdRP)  
Group Art Unit : 1633  
Examiner : Michael C. Wilson

New York, New York  
April 24, 2002

Hon. Commissioner  
for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated January 25, 2002. With the extension, a response is due on or before April 25, 2002. A check in the amount of \$200.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of

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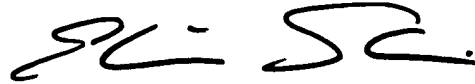
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same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of  
this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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